

## English 11 – Research Paper Topic

All Anchorage School District students are required to write an MLA style research paper during their junior year in high school. The process of researching, synthesizing, and writing will not only help prepare those students who plan on attending college, but will also provide critical instruction on how to be a knowledgeable citizen of our world.

You must choose a PERSON to research that has been influential in some way to the world in which they have operated. I suggest first choosing a field of study or career that you are interested in, and then finding a person who has been influential in that field of study or career. Choosing something you are interested in will make the process of researching and writing less painful and more enjoyable. For example, if you are interested in architecture, you may choose to research Frank Lloyd Wright or Antonio Gaudi. Or, if you are interested in cooking, you may choose to research James Beard or Julia Child.

### Guidelines

1. The person must be dead (this will provide better research opportunities and allow you to research the person's entire life.)
2. The person must have been influential to the world. What did they have to offer? Why were they unique? How did they change their field of study or career in some way?
3. Only one student per class can research the person (which means the faster you get your topic to me, the more likely you are able to have your first pick.)

Field of Study/Career Field:

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Write down three people that you are interested in researching, in the order of preference, along with what significant influence you think they had on their field.

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Person 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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Person 3: \_\_\_\_\_

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